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1. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL DEPARTMENT PLANS TO EMPHASIZE INTENTION OF OUR RESOLUTION TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS AMONG ALL PARTIES CONCERNED (ROK, NORTH KOREA, U.S. AND PRC) TO INCLUDE TERMINATION OF UN COMMAND WHILE PRESERVING ARMISTICE AND OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE TENSIONS ON PENINSULA IN MEETING WITH ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR VASQUEZ WITH ACTING SECRETARY.

2. THIS SAME POINT IS MADE IN SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FOREIGN MIN(SEPTEL). EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER.

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-- WE ESTIMATE WE HAVE SLIGHT MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF OUR
RESOLUTION AND FOR MAINTAINING ITS PRIORITY.

-- MOST IMPORTANT EFFORT NOW IS TO ENSURE DEFEAT OF PRO-
NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD BE OPPOSED
BECAUSE IT:

--DOES NOT INCLUDE SOUTH KOREA AS ONE OF REAL PARTIES
TO A PEACE AGREEMENT; IT IDENTIFIES ONLY THE U.S. AND
NORTH KOREA.

--CALLS FOR REMOVING UN COMMAND WITHOUT ANY
PROVISION FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE MECHANISM WHILE
NEGOTIATIONS FOR A "PEACE AGREEMENT" GO ON.

--CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF TROOPS "UNDER THE UN FLAG"
WHICH ARE DESCRIBED AS BEING U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA. IT
IGNORES FACT THAT THESE TROOPS ARE IN KOREA UNDER
BILATERAL AGREEMENT DESIRED BY THE ROK IN LARGE PART
BECAUSE OF NORTH KOREA'S MILITARY ALLIANCES WITH PRC AND
USSR.

--IF ADOPTED, IT WOULD, BY TENDING TO ISOLATE THE
ROK, CONTRIBUTE TO INSTABILITY ON KOREAN PENINSULA, AND
INTERFERE IN BILATERAL US-ROK MATTER.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION CAN BE
DEFEATED, EVEN THOUGH CURRENT ESTIMATES GIVE IT A SLIGHT
MAJORITY.

-- KEY TO DEFEATING THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION IS TO
CHANGE VOTES OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES FROM ABSTENTION TO A
NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

-- WE THEREFORE WOULD WELCOME, ON BASIS OF GOA'S RENEWED
CONSIDERATION OF ITS POLICY, ARGENTINA'S VOTE AGAINST
THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. INGERSOLL

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